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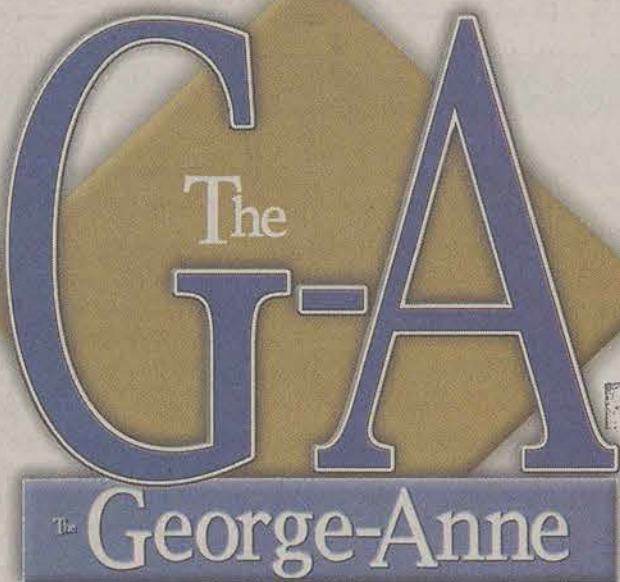
GSU splits with College of Charleston

The Eagles remain in third place in the Southern Conference after their wins this weekend.

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LIFE

Campus comes to life with annual "Southern Says Thanks"

GSU gave back to the community this weekend, hosting its yearly festival which is geared towards both children and adults.



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Grube inaugurated Sunday

By Kelley McGonnell
Editor in Chief

In his inaugural address yesterday, GSU's eleventh president, Bruce Grube, informed the guests in attendance that GSU is going to be raising admissions standards and possibly adding a new college of information technology.

Citing the six platforms of his strategic plan, Grube said that GSU will be raising admissions standards in the coming years in an effort to stop accepting students who require learning support.

"We are going to go the extra mile," he said. "By fall 2001, I hope to not accept learning support students except in extraordinary circumstances."

Grube said he hopes to raise admission standards and to look into the possibility of capping enrollment, while targeting students for the honors programs.

He also said that in order to focus on technological advancements, that GSU will be looking into establishing a college of information technology.

He said that he is not sure when it will implemented or if it will be a college or a department, but that GSU will be expanding in that direction.

He also said that he has enjoyed the move from Minnesota, where he was president of St. Cloud University, to Georgia.

"There is a level of hospitality and civility that does not exist in many other places anymore," he said. "There is no where else I would rather be."

The inauguration, which occurred nine months after Grube took office, attracted many dignitaries from the state, the community, the campus and other institutions.

Statesboro mayor Hal Averitt told Grube and his wife Kathryn that he was glad to have them as part of the community.

"Bruce and Kathryn," Averitt said. "You make us proud."

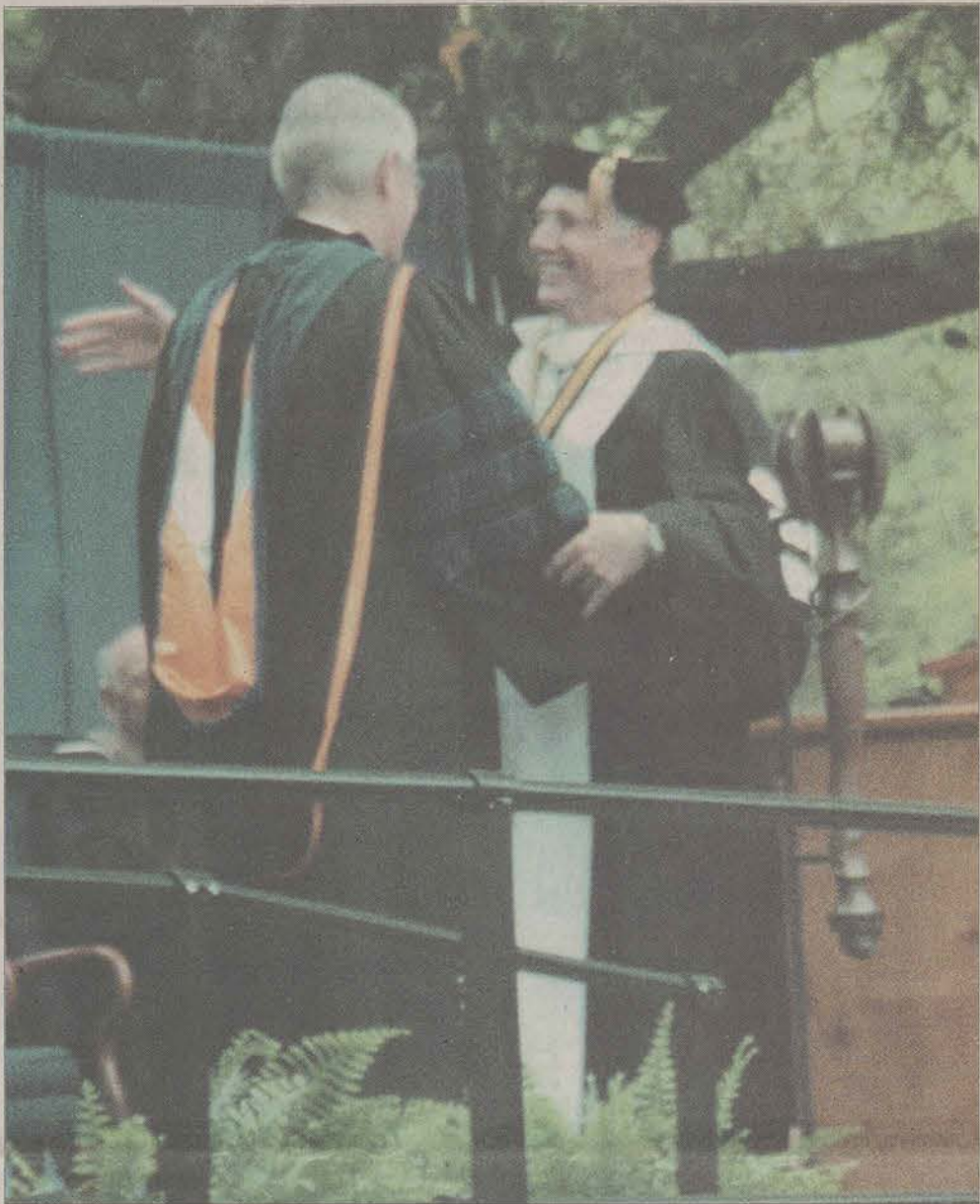
James Franklin, chair of the university foundation, welcomed the Grubes on behalf of the foundation.

He said that the university will continue to garner national recognition, but that it will be in academics as well as football.

"Paul Johnson, Adrian Peterson and Sam Baker have returned us to the elite [in athletics]," Franklin said. "They've got there, we're going to move this university to that same [level of recognition]."

He also said that the Grubes are a good match for Statesboro.

"When they first got here I saw them at a local barbecue place," Franklin said. "I knew then they



Kelley McGonnell

A DISTINGUISHED HONOR: GSU President Bruce Grube was inaugurated Sunday. Georgia Board of Regents Chancellor, Steven Portch congratulates Grube after preforming the investiture.

were our kind of folks."

SGA President Aaron Nicely spoke on behalf of the students saying that Grube has what it takes to push the campus to excellence.

"He is tall in stature," Nicely said. "But he compliments every inch of it with integrity."

Nicely said he looked forward to being an alumnist of the best comprehensive university in the country, but issued Grube a challenge.

"I challenge the faculty and administration of this university to remain as diverse as the

students you teach."

Stephen R. Portch, the chancellor for the Board of Regents, performed the investiture after saying that Grube was the best choice for GSU.

He talked of President Grube's favorite sport, ice hockey, and quoted Wayne Gretzky.

"Gretzky said he was good because he goes where the puck will be, not where the puck is," Portch said. "That applies to being the president of a university. Grube will go where the puck will be, not where it already is."

Wild Wing Café closes due to unpaid taxes

By John Bryson
News Editor

Wild Wing Café was unexpectedly closed on Thursday after the State Revenue Commissioner, T. Jerry Jackson, signed a state tax execution order demanding the payment of \$57,000 in overdue sales taxes which went unpaid from April 1998 until October 1999.

Wild Wing Café must also pay additional fines and fees for interest penalties and collection costs which bring the overdue total to \$94,237.

The establishment not only failed to remit its state sales taxes, but also did not file its local option sales tax and its one percent special county tax.

According to the execution order, Wild Wing was served with the notification on March 23 that this closure would take place, after a March 1 filing. The business was given until March 30 to comply or face closure. The order was not complied with, and state officers moved in to seize the property.

The closure of the business apparently caught employees and patrons by surprise.

"We had just sat down and ordered our drinks when the officers came over and told us to leave," Hugo Tyson, a GSU student there for lunch, said. "There were about three tables of patrons and [the of-

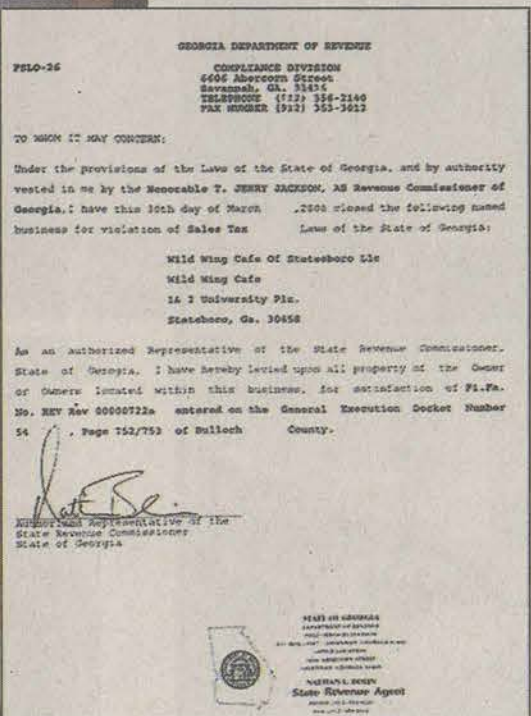
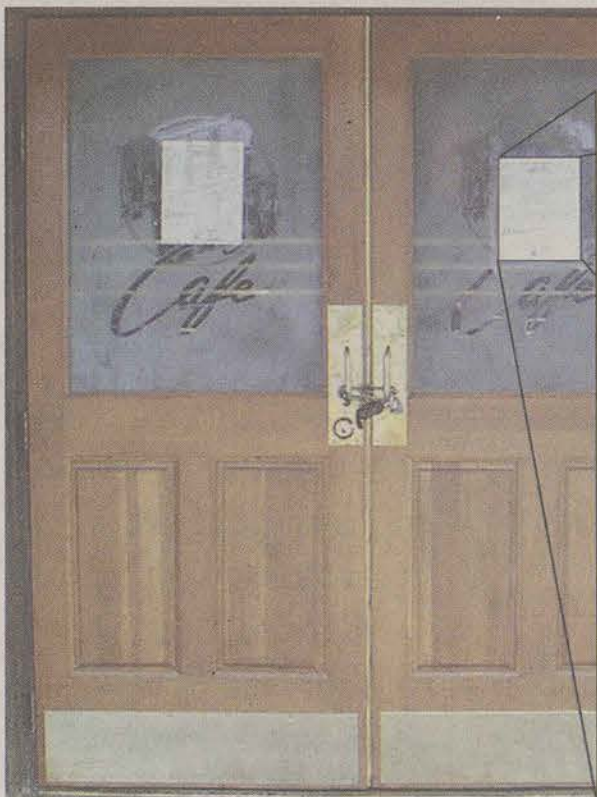


Photo illustration by David Koepke & Luke Renfro

CLOSING TIME: Wild Wing Café, a popular restaurant for GSU students, was closed Thursday after receiving notice that the establishment owes a total of \$94,237 in over due taxes, leaving several employees surprised as they showed up to work that evening.

ficers] told us we should find somewhere else to eat."

An anonymous employee of the business stated that they did not know of the impending closing, suggesting that Wild Wing management did not inform their employees of the problem.

"We did not know it was coming," the source said.

The source further said they believe that it was miscommunication that led to the closure and that the business will hopefully reopen soon. However, they also admitted that they have not been contacted by Wild

Wing management about a possible reopening and does not know about the employment status.

There has been no official change in the status of the business over the weekend. Wild Wing management has been unavailable for comment since the closure on Thursday.



Luke Renfro

Joyce Estrada hugs Erin Larson, senator, at the announcement Thursday.

Estrada wins SGA election

By John Bryson
News Editor

Joyce Estrada was the overwhelming winner in last week's SGA election, garnering 428 votes to take 57 percent in an election that saw turnout fall to an all-time low.

Challengers Brett O'Rand (197 votes) and Zach Rushing (120 votes) finished second and third, respectively.

Joyce Estrada and Zach Rushing were both present at the announcement of the results, however Brett O'Rand did not attend.

Estrada's executive board ticket ran unopposed, ensuring their election before the first vote was even cast.

Challenger Zach Rushing said that he plans to contest the election results after discovering what he calls "election irregularities."

"I will file a letter with judicial affairs on Monday that lays out my case for contesting the election," Rushing said. "Some irregularities came to my attention that I can't ignore."

Senator Randy Richardson challenged the elections last Wednesday, saying that Myron Jones, public relations director for SGA, solicited votes for Estrada in the SGA office.

Rushing said he is disappointed in the results and what they mean for GSU.

"I'm now totally worried about GSU," Rushing said. "Before, I was just concerned, but this result changes

that. I'm disgusted."

Estrada said she is excited about the results and believes her victory can be attributed to her campaign and her supporters.

"I'm very excited," Estrada said. "With the support from my vice presidents and senators, I was able to win."

For the remainder of the year, Estrada said she is going to wrap things up and hopefully bring this year to an end on a positive note.

"I'll just be wrapping things up for the Nicely administration and we will try hard to end on a good note," Estrada said. "It can only get better."

She also sent out strong words of support to her senators who were not fortunate enough to be elected.

"[The senators] worked hard and they deserved to win," Estrada said. "Those who didn't win I want to encourage them to come back in the fall and apply for an open position or at least stay involved and attend meetings."

Estrada said she planned to enjoy the result with her supporters and then catch up on some much needed sleep.

"I'm going to have a good time with my supporters," Estrada said. "Then I'm going to catch up on my sleep."

An attempt was made to contact Brett O'Rand about the results of last week's election, but he was unavailable for comment as of press time.

SGA UPDATE

Allegations arise at SGA meeting

By Logan Thomas
Staff Writer

After a year full of obstacles, former SGA President Aaron Nicely ended the last senate meeting of the year with a positive note.

"Despite what many of you may have read, I know in my heart that you all have been a very successful senate," Nicely said.

Nicely said that he hoped people will know of some of the good things SGA accomplished this year and not the bad.

"We raised more money this year for the United Way than any other SGA in the past years," Nicely said.

Other senators also commented on the end of a difficult year. "I do hope we can come out on a good note and not concentrate on all the bickering," Senator Kia Goodwin said.

The following is a synopsis of the SGA meeting on March 29, 2000: • Senator Randy Richardson made the motion of suspending SGA elections due to an alleged lack of publicity for the election deadline and the possibility of the elections being unfair.

"I begged for the election deadline to be extended so we could have more candidates and it didn't happen," Richardson said.

Richardson said Myron Jones, public relations director for SGA, had used office equipment to solicit votes for candidate Joyce Estrada.

"I heard him on the phone speaking to someone in his office about voting for Joyce," Richardson said.

Myron Jones said it was impossible he could have been involved in the solicitation of votes.

"There is no way I could have done anything like this," Jones said. "Michael West, [assistant director of the Russell union], has kept an eye on me to prevent me from doing anything wrong."

Candidate Joyce Estrada said the allegations were not right. "I'm not going to let anyone shut down my support or my vice

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things To Do at GSU Ongoing

• **Free Tutoring** in several subjects: English, history, sociology and psychology, all maths, chemistry, biology, and college reading/study skills. Each subject has different hours of operation. Call 681-0321 for more information.

• **The Christian Faculty/Staff** meets every Monday at noon in the Russell Union Room 2044.

• **The NAACP** meets every Monday at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2047.

• **BSU** meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 401 Chandler Rd. across from Johnson Hall. BSU also has lunch every Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m.

• **GSU Chapter of Habitat for Humanity** meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2044.

• **The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)** meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. in the

Technology Building Room 2116.

Today
• **NAACP** presents "Tribute to the African American Woman" at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

• **The Hispanic Club Association** is hosting a cookout from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. under the Rotunda. Lots of food, music, and fun.

April 5
• **GSU Department of Early Childhood Education and Reading** presents "Beyond the Writing Wars" by Steven Stahl at 7 p.m. in the Foy Fine Arts Building.

• **GSU's Pi Alpha Theta honors society** is hosting its annual banquet at R.J.'s Steakery. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$17.50 for the general public. Call 681-5899 or 681-5797 for more information.

April 6
• **Eagle Cinema** presents "End of Days" at 8 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.
• **Georgia Southern Botanical Garden**

presents "Intensive Gardening" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Garden, 1505 Bland Ave.

April 7
• **Eagle Cinema** presents "End of Days" at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

April 8
• **Eagle Cinema** presents "End of Days" at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

• **USABDA** is having its next ballroom dance at 7 p.m. in the White Bluff United Methodist Church Gymnasium at 11911 White Bluff Rd., Savannah, Ga.

April 10
• **Mr. Esquire** at 7 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. Tickets are \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door.

• **Georgia Southern Symphony** presents "Masterworks III Concert" at 8 p.m. in the Foy Fine Arts Building.

April 26
• **Disability Awareness Day** will be held at Brooklet Elementary School.

POLICE BEAT

Statesboro Police Department April 1

• **Richard Smith**, 20, of 29 Nelson Way, was charged with weaving and DUI.

March 31

• **Richard Vistacion**, 24, of 2716 Fleming Dr., Augusta, Ga., was charged with probation violation.

March 30

• **Seth Schilke**, 20, of 512 College St. Apt. #4, was charged with contributing alcohol to an underage person and underage possession of alcohol.

March 29

• **Sarah Ewaldsen**, 18, of 102 Margatha Dr., Savannah, Ga., was charged with DUI and stop sign violation.

• **Rodney Wilcox**, 27, of 2180 Ohara Place, Atlanta, Ga., was charged with DUI, defective equipment, and driving without license on person.

• **Alisa Cross**, 26, of 8 Hunicutt Dr., was charged with forgery.

• **Natalie Sanson**, 18, of Statesboro Place Circle #709, was charged with DUI, no proof of insurance, and failure to maintain lane.

March 28

• **Maurice Singleton**, 19, of 2018 Ford Ave., Savannah, Ga., was charged with driving on wrong side of road, leaving the scene of an accident, fleeing and attempting to elude, theft by taking, giving false information, and reckless driving.

• **Robert Stephens**, 25, of 809 Waters Ave., Savannah, Ga., was charged with theft by taking auto, giving false information, and obstruction.

• **Christopher Dulton**, 25, of 1020 Michelle Court, Tavares, Fl., was charged with expired tag and driving on suspended license.

• **Gerret Wells**, 23, of 8286 Black Creek Church Rd., Brooklet, Ga., was charged with driving on suspended license and stop sign violation.

• **Tamekia Coleman**, 19, of 121 West Inman, was charged with aggravated assault.

• **Tanya Everson**, 19, of Campus Courtyard Apt. #11, was charged with shoplifting.

March 27

• **Stephanie Bussey**, 18, of 120 Dragons Lair, Fayetteville, Ga., was charged with use of fraudulent license.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every issue of the George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount, nature and location of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained from the GSU Division of Public Safety or at the Statesboro Police Department.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Shawntine Hughes, assistant news editor.

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SGA

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presidents," Estrada said. "I feel like these allegations are more personal."

Senator Richardson later apologized for his accusations and withdrew his motion to suspend the elections.

"To say my motion was a vindictive attack is wrong," Richardson said. "I was responding to the comments I've heard from many students about the elections not being publicized and I felt these allegations were directed towards SGA."

• The GSU Faculty Senate has passed a resolution to reduce the student representation to one non-voting member.

Aaron Nicely said the administration should not do this since

they consider themselves student centered.

"I don't know why they decided to take all student representation out of the faculty senate," Nicely said. "I think that is wrong and something should be done about it."

• If a student desires to appeal a parking ticket received on campus, they must now appeal to someone face to face rather than submit a form. It was also decided that a ticket can only be void if the person is a visitor, the car was broken down and unable to be moved, or any other verified reason. If a student parks in faculty, they are now forgiven once. If the car is registered and the permit fell off, the student

can be forgiven twice.

• After the funding of Vision Ministries conference last week, many questions were raised by senators on what organizations could be funded.

Michael West, assistant director of the Russell Union, said he apologized for the matter not being more clear.

"If [Vision Ministries] wanted to have a speaker on campus it would be one thing, but a religious conference that not every student would benefit from cannot be funded."

• Fund requests from AITP and Phi Alpha Theta passed for \$675. Phi Upsilon Omicron fund request passed for \$300 and Phi Sigma Pi passed for \$200.

This Week's Weather

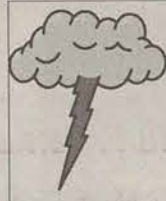
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Thunderstorms with a high of 83 and a low of 62.



Tuesday

Isolated t-storms with a high of 74 and a low of 51.

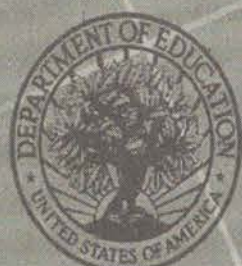


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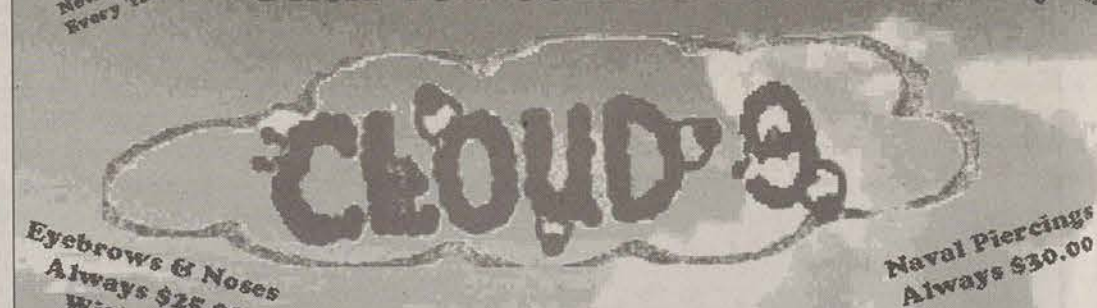


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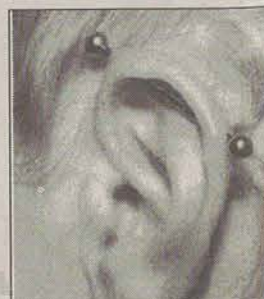
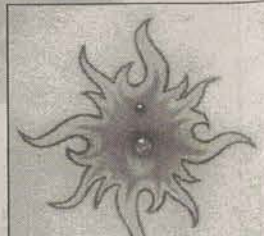


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Atlanta employees paid twice due to computer glitch

The Associated Press

ATLANTA— The city of Atlanta has paid out \$67,000 in salaries it didn't owe because a glitch in a new computer system caused a handful of retirees to get paychecks and dozens of current employees to be paid twice.

The city switched to a new check-writing system in November as part of its Y2K compliance program. The old system issued checks only when instructed to do so, but the new system automatically issues checks until a command is entered to stop it, said acting Chief Financial Officer Judith Blackwell.

City officials said the problem is being fixed, but the finance department now must get the money back from about 45 employees.

Many of the recipients have already spent the extra pay, Deputy

Chief Financial Officer Dominic Ochei told the City Council's finance committee Wednesday. He said the city is creating a repayment plan for them, but about \$57,000 has yet to be recovered.

Meanwhile, Blackwell said the new payroll system is being adjusted so the problem will not repeated in the future.

"It requires some program adjustments," she said. "It needs a lot of program adjustments."

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Workers encouraged to nap on the job

The Associated Press

BRISTOL— A local manufacturer is encouraging workers to sleep on the job.

Yarde Metals Inc. is invited the public to take part in the first "National Workplace Nap Day."

Craig Yarde, company president, is asking people to bring a lawn chair or a blanket to his company headquarters on Monday and

take a midday snooze.

Participants will get an eye mask to block out the light and turkey sandwiches, which are believed to induce sleep. There will be two half-hour sleep sessions beginning at noon and 12:30 p.m.

Local fiddlers will play soothing music.

"They're going to start off real mild and mellow," Yarde said, then "jazz it up" at the end of the session so workers can "head back to the glue factory."

The event will be held if it's misty, Yarde said, but pouring rain will postpone it. Yarde said he expects about 100 employees at the metal distributor and processor to join some people from outside the company for a quick snooze.

As an incentive to get employee participation, Yarde is offering cash prizes of up to \$150 for the most unusual napping outfit.

"That should make it kind of interesting," he said. "I don't think it'll get to the point of scandalous. It could be just kind of amusing. Zany, I guess you might call it."

The group nap is not Yarde's first venture into the unconventional when

it comes to the workplace.

In February 1999, Yarde was inspired by the television show "Ally McBeal" to bridge the gender gap by building a shared lavatory for men and women.

Yarde is finalizing a design plan for a \$15 million headquarters that includes a common four-stall toilet facility with a shared sink.

In August, the company said it was including kennels for workers' dogs in the floor plan of its new plant, which also will have a coffee-roasting room, locker rooms and a gym, cafeteria and children's play area.

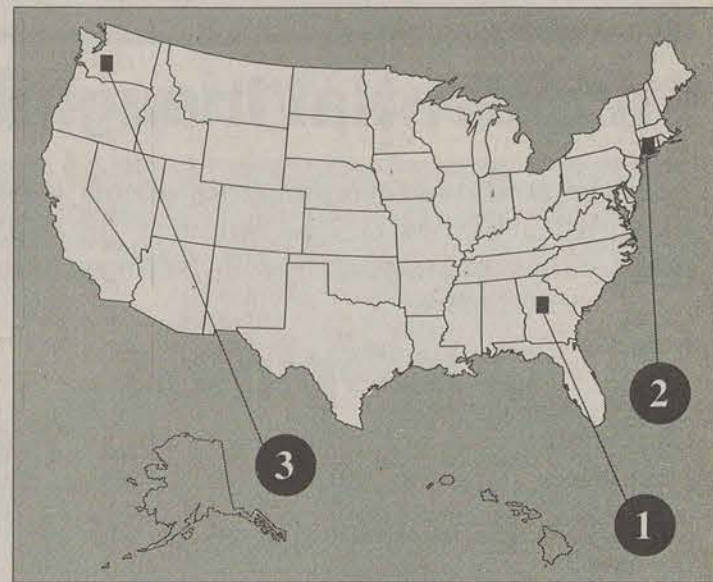
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Boy looks for writer of message in a bottle

The Associated Press

YAKIMA— Attention Erik Larson: If you put a message into a bottle 16 years ago, Joe Roy is looking for you.

Roy, 10, of Selah, found the bottle in the Yakima River recently. He wants to locate the person who launched the



bottle in 1984.

The old salad dressing container, which was stamped with the year 1984, was wrapped with rubberbands around the cap. Inside was a rolled-up message in a child's handwriting, complete with a map for treasure.

"Please!!!" the message said. "If you find this note please call Erik Larson at Everett, Washington, U.S.A."

The message included a phone number, now disconnected, along with the date of July 10, 1984, and 12:15, which

was perhaps the time of day.

On the back of the paper was a treasure map showed a palm tree, skull, rock and cactus and an "X" marking the spot.

"The kid recognized that he was away from his home, since he put a '1' in front of his phone number," said Kevin Roy, Joe's dad.

Calls to the six Erik Larsons in Washington phone listings turned up no one who recalled leaving a message in a bottle.

Dennis Rodman rankles neighbors with noise

The Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Police say NBA record-holder Dennis Rodman has broken another record in his own neighborhood — most police calls to a house, usually because of loud parties.

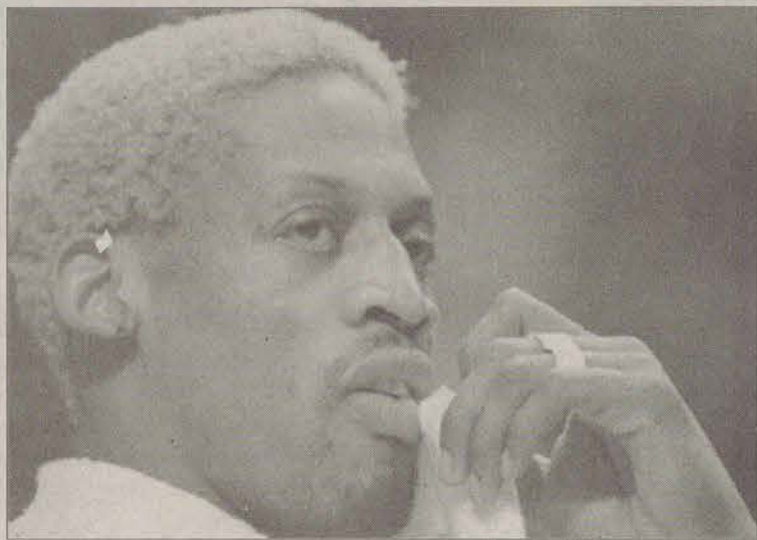
The disturbances have become so frequent that police want prosecutors to charge him with violating the city's noise ordinance, which could lead to brief jail time.

Just one problem: the complaining party refuses to come forward, and all of the people who live around Rodman insist he's a great neighbor.

"I had this stereotype that it would be crazy to live near him, with wild parties. But it's not. It's cool," said Brandon Showalter, 24, who lives a few houses away. "He welcomes us over."

Local police say they just want Rodman to tone-down his trademark rowdiness.

Since the rainbow-haired former basketball player moved in, officers have been summoned to his home 28 times because of wild parties and



Dennis Rodman Connection

Former NBA star Dennis Rodman

blaring music, according to Newport Beach Police Sgt. Mike McDermott.

"It's become a real pain up there," McDermott said. "It's a waste of police resources."

Since July 1998, police have leveled \$2,800 in penalties against Rodman, but they

have had little effect.

Meantime, police have failed to get prosecutors to charge him with more serious violations because no neighbors will go on the record with a complaint.

"Somebody is calling us," McDermott said. "We're not just going out there and finding it. People are complaining."

In addition, Rodman was cited Tuesday for driving on a license suspended after a December drunken driving arrest.

Officer Dan Crane recognized him behind the wheel of a bright yellow Volkswagen bug with blue flames shaped like

naked women.

"We know his vehicle and we can't just let him go. He's not above the law," Crane said.

Rodman, released recently from the Dallas Mavericks, holds the NBA record for most consecutive seasons (seven) leading the league in rebounds.

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A representative of the Police Corps will be in the Russell Union Commons from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm on Monday, April 3.

Presidential inauguration: not Grube's style

All the pomp and circumstance of this week's inaugural activities can be summed up in the image of Dr. Grube giving his wife, Kathryn, bunny ears for the camera.

Our Opinion

While the inauguration was a wonderful celebration of everything good about this campus, it was not indicative of the presidency of Grube.

He may wear a lot of suits and ties, but he is not a stuffed shirt. This president is the only one who has been seen hanging out in the George-Anne offices.

He is the only president who would have monthly meetings with student leaders.

While he is not perfect (remember that we don't have a fall break next year and are graduating en masse this spring with no summer ceremonies), he is what we needed.

A student leader on campus attended the reception the Grubes had with the leaders of student organizations. He commented to me that it was really nice to see some life in the office of president, and that it was likely to trickle down and stir things up.

He was right. Grube may not do everything we ask, and he may even do some things we don't want him to. But he and his wife are what we need.

They may just add some life to this campus.

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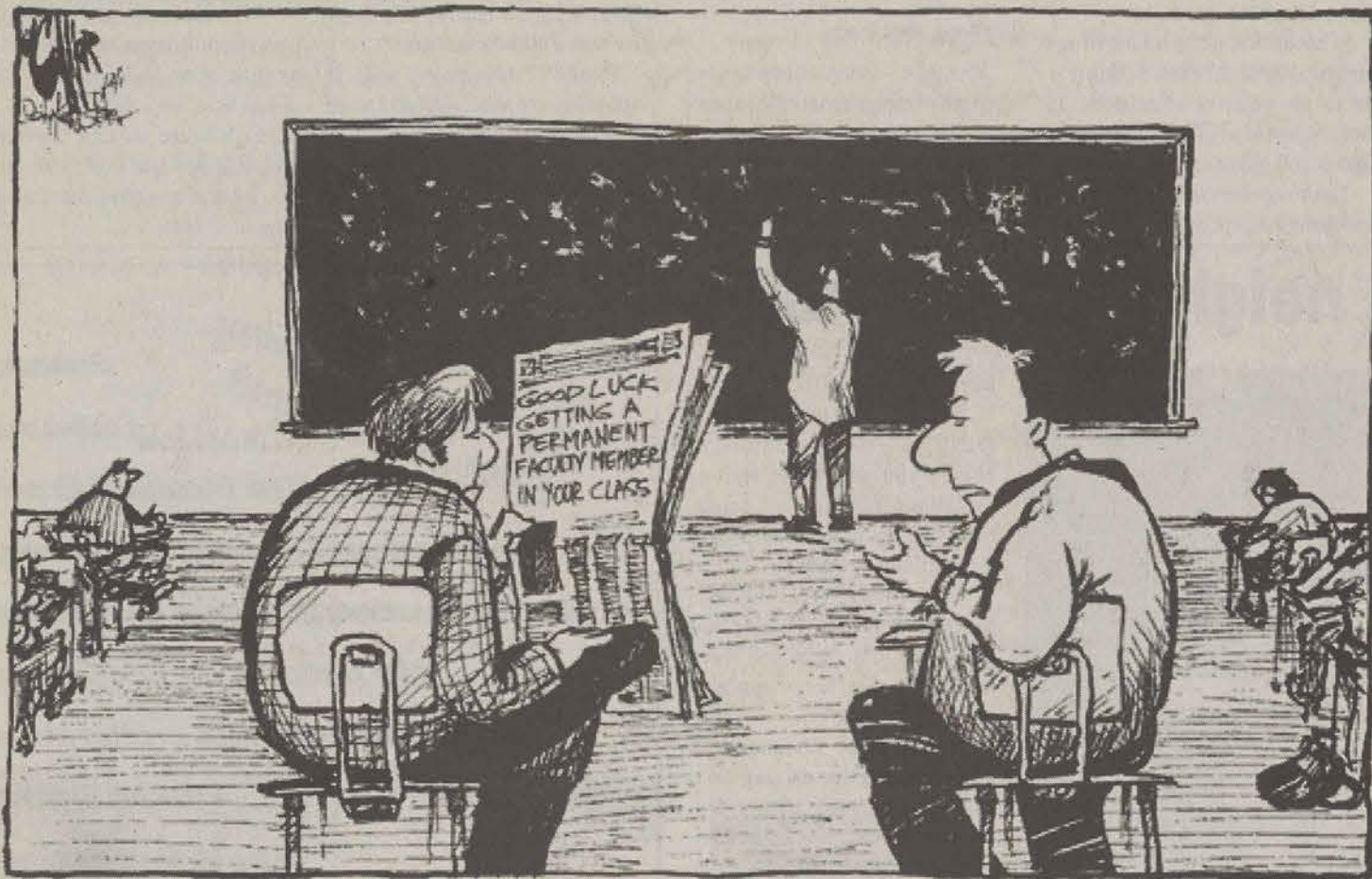
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Questions you should never ask a professor

Each semester I inevitably hear from students numerous questions, excuses, complaints, demands, and occasional compliments. Students, however, all too often have the distorted conception that their words are original (has anyone read

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students find themselves in the proverbial "pickle" regarding a class assignment. Unfortunately, many of these students believe that the most effective way to extricate themselves from the "pickle" is to master the art of the "stupid question." Here are three of the most common:

(1) "Hi Doc—sorry I wasn't in class, something came up—did I miss anything?" The classic stupid question, probably as old as Aristotle's Lyceum. And what would Aristotle, or any alert professor, say in response to such a question?

"Did you miss anything? Of course not. Absolutely nothing went on in class. Don't you remember? I announced at the beginning of the term that if you weren't in class I would just shut the class down and send everyone home."

Why would I want to teach in your absence? How rude of me, how insensitive, and how humiliating it must be for you to think that we would dare hold class in your absence! In fact, I'm somewhat offended that you would think that we would have the nerve to do such a rude thing to you!"

(2) Closely related to this question is another winner—"Hey, Doc, I won't be able to make it to class on Thursday. I have to study for a big test in my other class. Can I come by and take the quiz anyway?"

Perish the thought that what goes on in my class will have any bearing on a future test!

By all means, prepare for the other class. Don't let my insignificant class hinder you from passing someone else's more significant class! Thanks for letting me know just how far up the academic totem pole you place my class.

Maybe one day my class will be worthy of attendance even when inconvenient. Wouldn't that be grand! Or better yet, maybe I can help you find even more time to study for your other class.

Since my class is causing your

grades to suffer in other classes, why don't you just drop my class? That way you could study as much as you want for the other class and I won't have to see your sorry butt in my class anymore!!!

(3) "Hey, Doc, I really need to talk to you about my grade. I have to make an "A" in this course or I will lose my Hope Scholarship. What do you think are my chances?" If I reply, "Not good," the student launches into a St. Vitus's Dance, complete with pained facial expressions, breathlessness, and other signs of toxic death syndrome.

"You just don't understand. I will have to drop out of school. My family will disown me. I am so close to graduating. All I need is an "A" in your course. I have to make an "A." Can't you help me?"

This is classic guilt-tripping displacement on the part of the student. Student has a problem that supposedly only the teacher can solve; therefore, at first opportunity, give the problem to the teacher! This is none other than the tried and tested "monkey on the back" routine.

The student, for whatever reason, has arrived at a dangerous moment in which the threat of losing the Hope Scholarship hangs over his shoulders like a monkey with a sign saying "Look at me. I am about to lose my Hope Scholarship."

This monkey makes the student most uncomfortable, so he decides to solve his problem by removing the monkey and placing it onto the back of the teacher, with a new sign that says, "Look at me. I am a cold-hearted teacher. I gave a student a 'B' and he lost his Hope Scholarship."

If the professor accepts this monkey, then the student wins. What should the professor do? Place the monkey right back on the student's back—tie it down if need be! Why? Because one class (especially the final class) is not the difference in a student keeping or losing his or her Hope Scholarship.

The problem is all the other classes the student has taken before that final class.

That class just happens to be the last straw for a desperate student who has mostly likely not been concerned about the status of his or her Hope Grant until the proverbial gun has been placed to the unfortunate head.

Failure to make an "A" in that final class may fire the gun, but the student's hand, not the professor's, has always been on the trigger.

So, if you want to get on my good side, feel free to ask me anything about my class and the subject matter. Just don't ask any of the above "stupid questions"—you will wish you hadn't!!!!

Fill out the census; win your own bureaucracy

Unless you are hiding in a drain pipe, by now you should have received your census questionnaire from the federal government.

The census is a federal tradition dating back to 1790, when President Washington ordered all citizens to form a line and count off by ones, thus establishing that the U. population at that time v "eleventeen."

In modern times, the census is taken by the Census Bureau every 10 years, as required by the Constitution. (For the other nine years, Census Bureau employees play pinocle while remaining on Red Alert, in case the Constitution suddenly changes.)

How important is the census to us today? Here's a quote from a letter my household received from Kenneth Prewitt, director of the Census Bureau:

"Huwag ninyong sasagutin ang Inggles na form na inyong tatanggapin sa koreo."

I did not make this quote up. More than half of Mr. Prewitt's letter to my household is written in various foreign languages.

As far as I can tell, in this particular quote Mr. Prewitt is saying: "Any-

body who gets sausage and eggs on the census form will end up (something bad) in South Korea."

This is not a threat that the federal government makes lightly.

Why is the census so important? For one thing, it enables the government to locate its citizens so it can administer programs to them.

The census also determines our congressional representation, which is very important.

For example, in the 1990 census, a homeowner named Ward A. Frondflinger Jr. of Lawrence, Kan., left his census form out on the dining-room table, and unbeknownst to him, his children filled it out and mailed it in, with the information that his household had 984 million members.

Today, the Frondflingers are personally represented by 12 congresspersons and five U.S. senators, and they have their own naval base.

Contrast their situation with that of North Dakota, which, because of poor participation with the 1990 census, wound up reporting that it had a total of only seven residents (the actual number is believed to be much

closer to nine).

As a result, today North Dakota has zero representatives in Congress and may no longer even be part of the United States. (Somebody should go up there and check.)

So the "bottom line" is that it is in your best interest, as a citizen, to fill out your census form. Here's some information to help you:

Q. What kinds of questions does the census form ask?

A. Most citizens will receive the short form, which asks you only for basic information that the government needs to administer programs to you, such as your name, age, sex, race, weight and whether or not you wear thong underwear.

Q. What if I get the long form?

A. You had better know something about calculus.

Q. Is my census information confidential?

A. Absolutely. Nobody is allowed to see your personal census information except federal employees and their friends.

Q. What are my choices regarding my race?

A. You may choose from any of the following federally approved races: Black, White, Beige, Blush, Bisque, Asian, Latino, Caucasian, Person of Color, African-American, Native American Indian, Spaniard,

Original Hawaiian, Asian Minor, Native Alaskan, Person of Density, Indian Indian from India, Caucasian-Asian Hawaiian, Hispano-African-Alaskan Native Indian, Ohioan, Native Hawaiian Tourist, Munchkin, Italian Samoan, Wisenheimer and Presbyterian. Or, if you prefer, you may invent your own race, and the government will create a large bureaucracy to keep track of you.

Q. Why does the government need this information?

A. That is none of your business.

Q. I have an imaginary friend named Mr. Wookins. Should I include him on my census form?

A. Of course. The federal government spends billions of dollars on imaginary programs; these must be targeted to reach the people who really need them.

Q. Is there a place on the census form where I can tell the government how much I hate those stupid low-flow toilets?

A. The government has provided margins for this express purpose.

Q. What will happen to me if I fail to complete the census form?

A. In the words of Census Director Prewitt, "Matatanggap ninyo ang Tagalog na census form sa loob ng dalawang linggo."

Q. Can he DO that?

A. Do not tempt him.

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GSU Hosts annual "Southern Says Thanks" festival

By Zane Thomas
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, GSU's campus was alive with people of all ages enjoying the annual "Southern Says Thanks" festival. The festival is GSU's way of saying "thank you" to the community for supporting the school. Along the pedestrian, booths were set up on both sides stretching from the Russell Union Rotunda to Lakeside Café. At the Rotunda, people enjoyed free drinks, popcorn and cotton candy.

In front of the Williams Center, a booth was set up so young kids could mine for fool's gold.

Not far down from that, people could try "mocktails."

Mocktails are mixed drinks without the alcohol. Mary K. Lamparski, a health educator at GSU, and Rachel Burnett, Miss GSU 2000, were helping make the alternative drinks for the people. Lamparski had nothing but good things to say about the day.

"It's been very successful," she said. Burnett was helping out to promote her forum on eating disorder awareness. She, too, could only speak of the day in a positive way.

"A lot of people have been very polite," Burnett said.

Right next to Lake Ruby, the Raptor Center had brought out some of the animals, a hawk and a snake, for the day. Kids could take turns petting the snake while their parents got information about the whole center.

The Army ROTC spent the afternoon rappelling down the side of the library.

There was more activity over next to Lake Wells. People were fencing and learning about martial arts. But probably the most popular activity was happening over at the lake-- canoeing. Several canoes were all around Lake Wells with people in them cruising around the lake.

But the pedestrian wasn't restricted to fun and games. There were educational exhibits promoting foreign exchange students, Chinese crafts, print

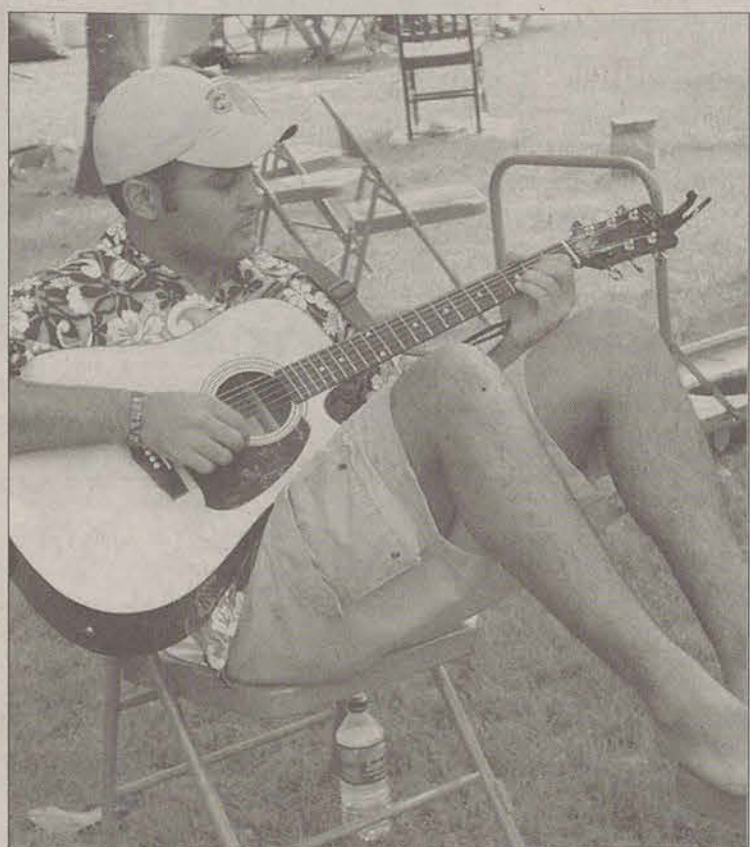
management and information on the construction of buildings around campus.

The football team was honored at the festival as well. A case was set up in front of the library containing golden plaques honoring all five of the football team's championships.

The festivities on the pedestrian ended at 2 p.m. leaving most of the visitors to wander over to Sweetheart Circle,

where the atmosphere was more about arts and crafts.

Just about every type of art or craft imaginable was on display. There were paintings and sketches all around the circle. Exhibits were set up displaying sculptures, pottery and jewelry. Various art work from the many schools around Statesboro were set up so everyone



ENJOYING THE DAY: Fernando Matute relaxes and plays his guitar on Sweetheart Circle.

could get a look.

People could get caricature sketches made. But the most popular events at the circle were the ones in which the kids could interact. Kids could make sand art, pottery out of clay or decorate the campus with sidewalk chalk.

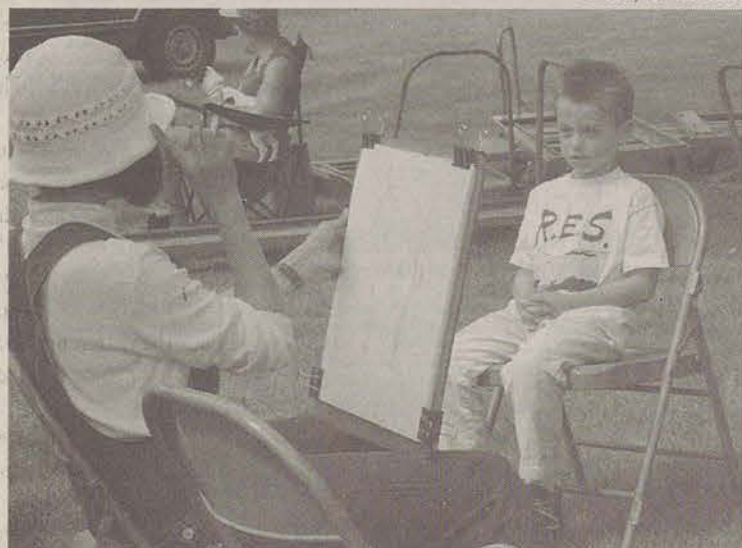
Everyone seemed to have a positive attitude about the day. David Porter, a freshman at GSU was walking around videotaping the events, as were other people. He talked like he enjoyed the time he spent there.

"It's nice for a university like us to hold a festival like this," he said. "It makes us remember what we were like when we were kids."

Aside from art, a stage was erected and many different types of music were played. Every thing from gospel choir to folk music to a Mexican mariachi band performed. The festival seemed to have something for everyone and it didn't matter if they were a volunteer or visitor.

"We had a real good time helping out the little kids and enjoying a beautiful day," Christine Mayo, a volunteer with the Southern Explosion dance team, said.

It was a beautiful day for the event. The sun was out and many people brought their dogs with them to enjoy the day. As kids played Frisbee at Sweetheart Circle, it seemed more like a day in the park.

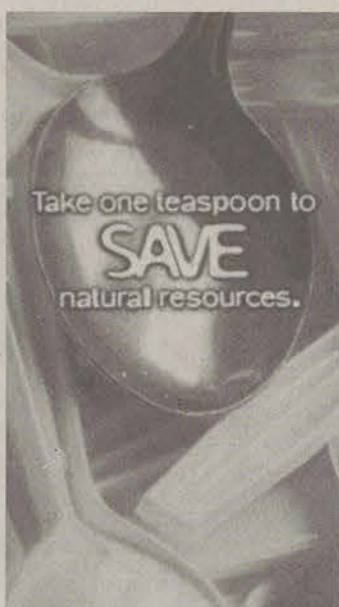


Melonee Gibson

Children from Bulloch county participated in the festival. Caricatures, face painting and canoeing were only some of the activities offered on Saturday.



HURRY, HURRY!: As part of the day's festivities, kids took part in a traditional parachute toss.



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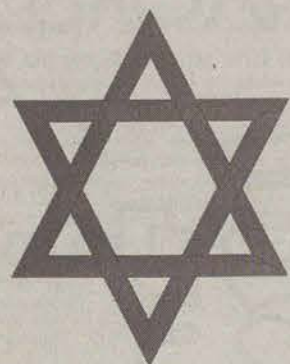


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Eagle softball, Littlejohn earn split

By **Ryan Hemenway**
Sports Writer

Sometimes a little rest is all that is needed, for sophomore pitcher Aimee Littlejohn that was the case. The hurler has been nursing a sore shoulder since the beginning of the season, but showed no sign of it over the weekend as she picked up two wins for the Eagles over the College of Charleston.

"My arm is starting to feel a lot better," said Littlejohn, "I've been hurt since the beginning of the season but now I am finally getting back into a groove."

In Saturday's 3-2 win over the Cougars, Littlejohn recorded a season high 10 strikeouts, which surpassed the nine she recorded back on opening day against Florida A&M showing that perhaps the arm is back in shape.

"I haven't been working it as hard during the week," said the hurler, "I just been relaxing it a bit more."

GSU went to extra innings for the sixth time this season to pick up the victory when, after falling behind 2-1 in

the 10th inning, Stacie Cooper flied to deep right field, scoring Kelly Blazi from third and Shannan Hoobin from second. On the sacrifice fly, Hoobin never hesitated as she made the throw from the outfield to pull out the 3-2 victory for the Eagles.

The second game of Saturday's double header wouldn't go as well for the Eagles, as Charleston squeaked out a 2-1 victory. Senior Jennifer Miller (5-8) pitched a strong complete game for the Eagles, giving up no earned runs, but defensive lapses allowed both Cougar runs to score to doom GSU.

Sunday's action at Eagle field would almost be a replay of Saturday. The Eagles picked up in the first game behind Aimee Littlejohn as she pitched six strong innings to pick up her team leading 12th win before Miller came in to close down the 10-3 victory. Littlejohn was in control early in the game before beginning to struggle in the fifth as she gave up three runs, but Littlejohn returned to pitch in the sixth and easily retired the Cougars.

Stacie Cooper led GSU with 3 hits and a RBI and Littlejohn helped her own cause on the mound going 2-4 with 2 RBI.

Just like Saturday's second game, GSU would lose a heartbreaker. Junior Lacey Kammerer (4-7) pitched a great game, striking out 5 and not giving up an earned run, but a costly GSU error in the bottom of the sixth would prove to be the difference as the Eagles lost 1-0. Charleston's Melissa Creeger shut down the GSU hitters, allowing only 2 hits and only two runners to reach base. Stacie Cooper was the lone Eagle to reach second base in the game.

"Our defense played well, but our offense is what we need to work on," said Miller. "We have to build from this weekend, it is just going to get tougher from here on out."

The senior pitcher realizes that these are the games that count the most towards the goal of the team, winning the Southern Conference.

"I think we all know the importance of the conference games," said Miller. "I

think as we get a little more experience we are getting better."

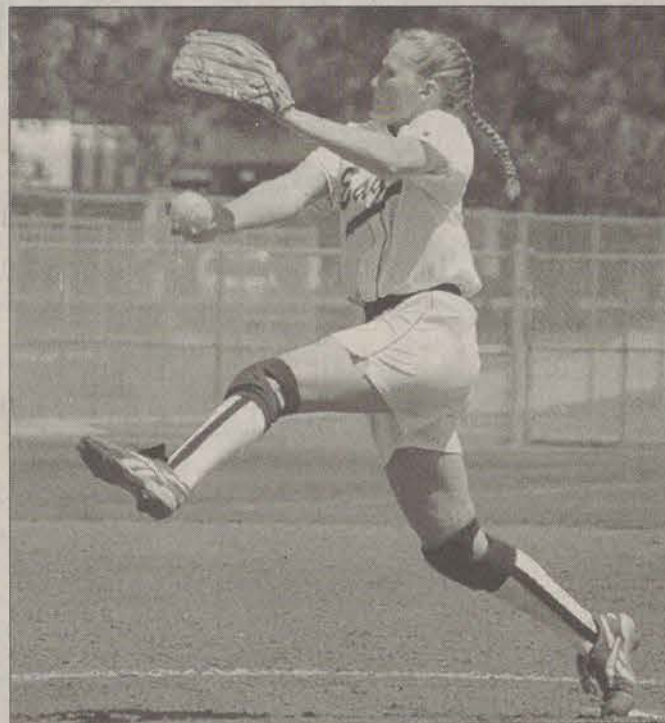
Eagles head coach Kelley Kirkland was not overly thrilled with the way the Southern Conference opening weekend went, but knows its just the beginning of many games to come.

"It is something we can build from, it is a little disappointing though," Kirkland said. "It is just consistency we need."

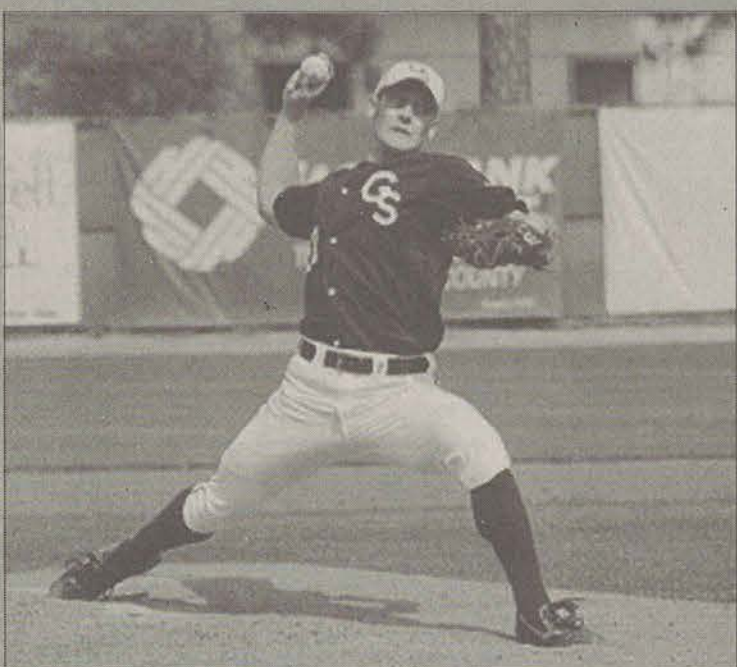
Kirkland was happy with the overall performance of the pitching staff, as the three hurlers only allowed two earned runs in 28 innings pitched.

"I think all three threw very well, all three threw well enough to win, the two losses we just didn't give them any run support," said Kirkland. "Anytime you give up just one run you have a great chance to win, so I can't be disappointed in the pitchers."

The Eagles (21-23, 2-2 SoCon) return to action this weekend against UNC Wilmington in Southern Conference action on Saturday at 1p.m. at Eagle Field and again on Sunday 1p.m.



WINDING UP: Aimee Littlejohn picked up two wins for the Eagles over the College of Charleston.



Luke Renfro

ON A TEAR: Juniors Matt Easterday (.423) and Scott Henley (.402) are currently posting batting averages over .400, and have combined for 19 of the Eagles 31 homeruns.

Eagles split with Col of Charleston

By **Edmund Coley**
Sports Writer

GSU's Scott Henley and Matt Easterday continue their tear on the conference as they help the Eagles score 11 runs in two innings to trounce the College of Charleston 13-5 and 2-1 over the weekend series.

With the win, the Eagles remain in third place in the Southern Conference including one game back in the loss column of the Citadel and UNC Greensboro.

"I like the way we're playing right now," said Head Coach Rodney Hennon. "I like our chemistry and the leadership on this team."

Henley, who was named SoCon player of the week last week, is again making a case for the honor, along with teammate Easterday.

Henley went 3 for 5 on Sunday with two homeruns and

four RBI. Easterday currently posts a .423 batting average after going 4 for 5 on Sunday and 9 for 14 in the series. The junior center fielder also made a spectacular catch in straight-away centerfield to rob the Cougars' Ronny Marmol of a homerun.

Daniel Wheeler records his third victory after surrendering five on eight hits, and recorded five strikeouts in his complete game effort.

The Cougars' Travis Parker gave up only two runs on the 2-run homerun by Henley in his first five innings of work, scattering seven hits.

"The kid had a nice change-up," Hennon said. "I felt we were ready to play early despite the way he (Travis Parker) was throwing."

With a 5-2 lead, things started to unravel for Parker in the sixth.

After giving up a lead-off single to the Eagle's Brian

Rinehart, Parker got Carlos Love to strikeout swinging. The Eagles would score three runs to tie the game at five before the Cougars recorded their second out.

After a pitching change, GSU reeled off three scores including Henley's second homer of the afternoon to take the lead 8-5.

The Eagles would show no signs of letting up on the relief pitchers as they added five more runs in the seventh inning, sending 10 batters to the plate.

"The bats woke up today," said Hennon. "Even when it was 8-5 we didn't let up."

Hennon says that the biggest aspect of the Sunday game was that there were not errors committed.

"Whenever your team can make the routine plays and throw strikes, it almost always puts you in the position to win."

Tennis

G-A News Service

With the match tied up at three going into doubles play, GSU (6-6, 3-1) came out strong, sweeping the doubles matches, winning the contest 6-3 over Davidson (6-8, 1-1) in SoCon action. With the victory, GSU surpassed last year's win total of five and still has at least seven matches remaining this season.

Isabella Kling, Martha Barrett and Brooke McNamee each earned two wins on the day. After Kling and McNamee picked up straight set wins in singles, they paired up to defeat Davidson's Forbes Thompson and Elizabeth Moreno 8-5. Barrett won her singles match against Moreno and then joined Jennifer Runnion for an 8-3 doubles win.

Additionally, the GSU tandem of Rosie Arnold and Ella Reilly defeated the Lady Wildcats' Kelley Cantrell and Gayle Jones, 8-4, at number three doubles.



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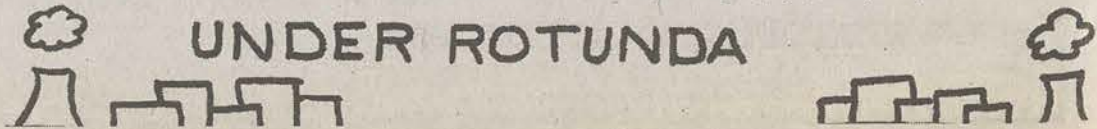
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In celebration of International week, Caribbean Sound Steel Band will be performing on Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the rotunda. The four piece steel band plays a variety of music found in Barbados, St. Thomas, Jamaica and Key West.

GSU welcomes International Week

G-A News Service

The tenth annual International Week takes place this week. To mark this occasion, the multicultural and international student center for international studies is hosting this week with its theme: "Celebrate a Decade of Cultural Sharing."

The first big event which will kick off the week is the opening of the museum exhibit, Spirit of the Tiger on the culture and history of the Republic of Korea. This event starts today at 3 p.m. at the GSU museum. The keynote speaker will be Honorable Consul Young-Dae Kwon.

Following the speech will be a reception with authentic Korean refreshments.

The audience will also be invited to view the beautiful hand-made Korean artifacts on display which were lent by the Korean students and professors at GSU, and the Korean communities in both Hinesville and Statesboro. During the opening, Videos on the country will be showing, music will be played and Korean students and professors will be dressed in their native Korean costumes.

There are also international food tasting events on both

Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m. and Thursday from 12 to 1:30 p.m. outside the Union Ballroom.

On Friday, there will be an international student fashion and talent show in the Union Ballroom at 7 p.m. with more than twelve acts by students from around the world.

The final event which will conclude the week is an international soccer tournament on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the club sports fields next to the CRI complex.

All events are free of charge. For more information contact multicultural and international students affairs at 681-5409.

Six-year-old excels in college classes

The Associated Press

OCALA, Fla.— Justin Chapman is the only student at the University of Rochester who's on the verge of losing his baby teeth.

The 6-year-old is the youngest student ever to enroll in the university, where he's taking an ancient history class.

Of course, that's just one of an awfully full load. Justin is enrolled in 29 other classes offered through the Internet and Monroe Community College.

Despite all the schoolwork, his mom, Elizabeth Chapman, insists her son is in class less than the average first grader. Officially, Justin is a sophomore at Cambridge Academy, a private high school in Ocala, Fla., that offers correspondence courses.

Rochester allowed Justin to enroll in a program admitting ex-

ceptional high-school students. School officials say they have no questions about his abilities. Neither does Elizabeth Chapman, who said she first noticed her son's intelligence when he passed one of her college-level exams at the age of 2. She thought he was just filling in bubbles at random. She also said she has no idea where the kid got his smarts.

"I don't remember him reading books on string theory," but he knows all about it, she said.

Aside from his young age, Justin is the typical student. He talks during class and doesn't study. His mom — who insists on speaking for him — says his biggest problems stem from often doing "more than what's expected for class."

She said she has to tear him away from his computer to make sure he gets plenty of exercise.

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**The Great TV Satirist of the 90's
Michael Moore**



**"Downsize This: Random Threats
from an Unarmed American"**

April 6, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Russell Union Ballroom

The lecture will be followed by a book signing.

Tickets are \$3.00 for GSU students,
\$5.00 for GSU faculty/staff and \$10.00 for the public.

Tickets may be purchased at the Hanner Ticket Office
or by calling 681-0123 for credit card orders.

Tickets are limited to 750. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Seating is open.

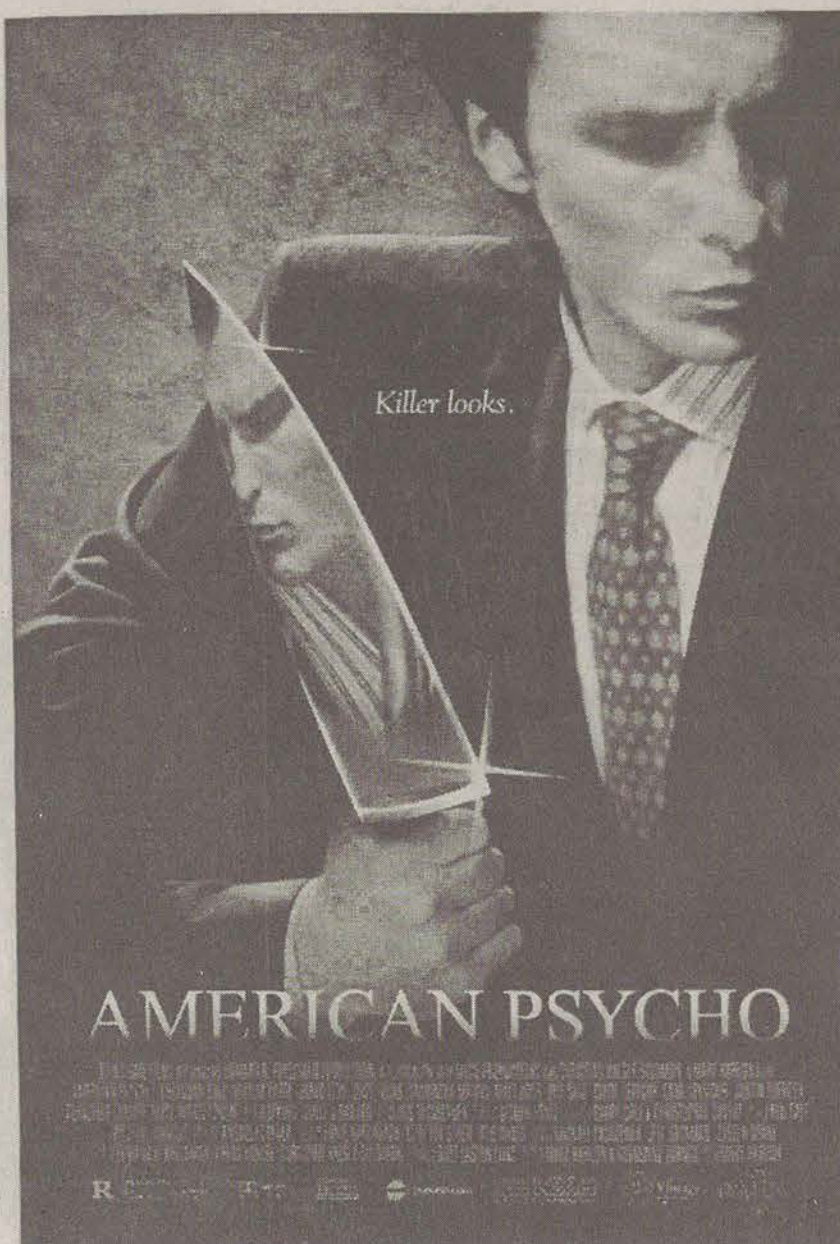
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